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PUBLIC NOTICE

**30-Day Public Comment Period
May 25 – June 24, 2006**

**Proposal to Cleanup Groundwater
Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach
Installation Restoration Program Site 70**

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Leticia Hernández al número (714) 484-5488.

WHY YOU ARE BEING NOTIFIED: The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), invites you to review and comment on a proposal to cleanup contaminated groundwater at Installation Restoration (IR) Program Site 70, located at Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, California.

The IR Program is the Navy's comprehensive environmental investigation and cleanup program that identifies, investigates, and cleans up contamination that resulted from past site related activities. At IR Site 70, industrial activities conducted from 1962 through 1973 by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) within the station's Research, Testing, and Evaluation Area, resulted in the discharge of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) (principally from industrial solvents) to groundwater. VOCs are present in the groundwater aquifer forming a plume of contaminated groundwater below the surface of the station in a range of 40 to 200 feet. Full details of the proposed cleanup plan are presented in a Proposed Plan/Draft Remedial Action Plan (PP/RAP).

Negative Declaration: We also invite you to review and comment on a draft Negative Declaration, which is our agency's finding that the proposed cleanup will not harm the environment. The Navy proposes to cleanup the VOCs contaminated groundwater by means of Enhanced *In Situ* Bioremediation (EISB). The cleanup plan proposes the use of an innovative technology where treatment occurs in place below the ground surface and a follow-up phase called monitored natural attenuation (MNA), where natural biodegradation of VOCs continues to occur without adding any nutrients to the groundwater. The cleanup alternative also includes land-use controls that prevent use of groundwater in the vicinity of the site, allow for access to conduct the cleanup and perform monitoring and maintenance, and protect treatment equipment and monitoring wells.

HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: You can submit written comments on the draft PP/RAP and draft Negative Declaration during the 30-day public comment period beginning May 25, 2006. Please direct all written comments by mail, e-mail or fax no later than 5 P.M. on June 24, 2006 to:

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND FURTHER INFORMATION: Copies of all reports and documents relating to this project can be found at the following locations:

Seal Beach Public Library
Mary Wilson Branch
707 Electric Avenue
Seal Beach, California

and Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
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Phone Sofia Olmedo at (714) 484-5336 to
make an appointment.

WHO TO CONTACT: If you have any questions or wish to discuss this project, please contact Ms. Katherine Leibel, DTSC Project Manager at (714) 484-5487, or Mr. Tim Chauvel, Public Participation Specialist at toll-free number 1-866-495-5651. For media inquiries, please contact Ms. Sandy Friedman at (714) 484-5383. For more information about DTSC, please visit our web site at: www.dtsc.ca.gov